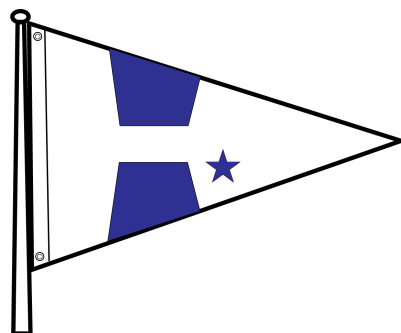


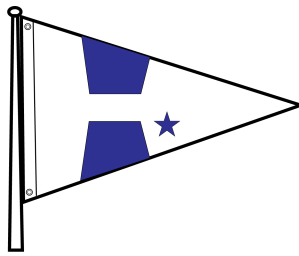
February, 2024

OVER *the* WAVES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wickford Yacht Club



Wickford Yacht Club



Commodore's Corner

Hope this finds you well and successfully getting through another winter! All is well at our club. As I write this, I look forward to frostbite sailing and the upcoming Frank Sinatra, Big Band social event.

Our summer cruise meetings have been productive and we have a great cruise planned. The cruise cocktail party and cruise dinner are accessible by land. The dinner will be at the beautiful New Bedford Yacht Club overlooking the Padanaram harbor. Come by sea, or don't miss the fun and drive if you can.

After years of discussion, board deliberation, lots of member input, and many compromises and several versions, the new dinghy policy is soon to be published online & in the new directory. Please read it carefully as compliance by all is needed to make it work for all members, & the sailing school. Thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration on this issue.

Just a few more months of winter sports, heading south, or just driving to and from work in the dark until it'll be time for our club and our boats to be commissioned for another summer. Visit our web page for information on social events that'll get us through until then.

Stay safe, Pam & I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Sincerely,

Rex,

Commodore

Vice Commodore's Update



It seems there is more rain than snow this year. The Frostbiters still get full credit, however.

Hopefully your indoor boat projects are moving apace, as these milder days tease the thought of an early start to the season. If I recall, February 2 was a cloudy day, so we can hope that furry prognosticating rodent was not scared back into his burrow by his shadow.

Ongoing financial discussions continue regarding various anticipated expenditures for the club. We are awaiting the results of an engineering study to assess the condition of the foundation and the seawall. This evaluation of the literal underpinnings of the club will directly impact the choices with which the Board will be faced regarding other potential expenses, including the Stairlift proposal. As repayment of prior borrowing from the Dock and Dredging fund begins, the Finance Committee will have to review whether a dues increase is in the offing. Apologies for the unfavorable forecast. We will be able to provide more details after this month's Board meeting.

Tremendous thanks to all those who responded to the call to mop and clean following the flooding of the club that delayed the Passing of the Flags ceremony by a day. It was a fantastic demonstration of the Corinthian spirit of our members. Potential new members who were there that night recognized this, and they are now applicants to join the club.

Please continue to enjoy your winter safely. The hospitals are overflowing still. As always, wear your seatbelt, eat your vegetables, and get your vaccines. Watch your step on those icy days.

Looking forward to a swift few months as we prepare for the upcoming season!

Your Vice Commodore,

Dave Lindquist



Rear Commodore's Report



I hope everyone has had a great start to their new year! JT and I have been lucky enough to be helping family this winter, and as such, I have been out of state. I miss seeing everyone!

I am already getting excited for the sailing season. I hope you all are as well. As I learn the position of Rear Commodore at WYC this winter, with help and guidance from Jeri Levesque, Ezra Smith, and Barbara Jackson, I encourage you to reach out if I can be of service.

I am a firm believer in continuously developing a great group of people to make our Wednesday Night Racing the best it can be.

Anyone with a power boat interested in being a signal boat or mark boat for the Wednesday night race series, please do get in touch with me at your earliest convenience.

Anyone with PRO experience interested in helping with the Wednesday night races, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the race committee, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience.

I wish you all a happy Valentine's Day, and a wonderful February!

Best Regards,
Suzanne Thoms
Rear Commodore
suzythoms@gmail.com
401-932-3306



Fleet Captain's Report



February is the shortest month because the nights are still too long and the days are too cold for sailing unless you're a Frostbiter. I've been busy working on the 2024 dinghy storage assignments. There's quite a bit of movement on the three (dock, in-water, rack) wait lists and as soon as dues and fees are paid, we'll post the new list on the WYC webpage. I'm grateful for the kindness of those moving on to other recreational venues for relinquishing their priveledges and for the patience of those waiting for a space. **Please help us to let members on the waiting list know their status by paying your dues and fees ASAP.** There are several challenges regarding storage that I am working to resolve with input from current space holders and the Board of Governors. I'll share next steps with the membership shortly.

Despite the three wicked winter storms of January, none of the docks were damaged. The last storm's tide was so high that the picnic tables were set on the dock adjacent to the pavilion to hold it in place. Thank you, all volunteers who arrived at the peak of the storm to protect the docks and clean out the water that got into the pavilion and great room. The Summer Cruise planning group met twice in January. We will be cruising (July 27 - August 3rd) to ports of call east of Narragansett Bay that were chosen after this post went to press. The treasured stash of burgee stars has been passed on to me in anticipation of awarding at least 18 to this year's fleet. It's my first cruise and the wisdom experienced cruisers is building confidence on top of unbridled enthusiasm. Hopefully many our members will take a short road trip to attend the cruise dinner on August 1st (destination TBA). Our planning meetings are available on Zoom, if you're thinking about joining this grand adventure, and if you've never cruised before, please attend our meetings to learn more.

The duties and responsibilities of a fleet captain are broad and complicated. Therefore, the by-laws state that the Fleet Captain shall appoint a committee to carry out the duties. I'm ISO three volunteers to form this committee and assist with: a) supervise Club cruises, b) correct identification of the club squadron, dock and mooring assignments, and c) maintenance of Club boats, docks, floats, and moorings. This will provide an opportunity to participate in decision-making and, if so inclined, prepare for a role in Club leadership. Please contact me for details.

May Cupid's arrow strike you straight and true while dreams of boating warm your hearts.
Jeri Levesque, Fleet Captain

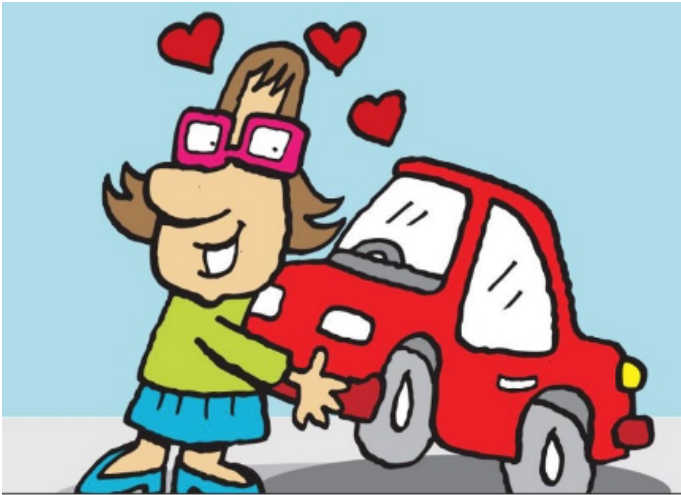
Jeri Levesque
Fleet Captain-elect

Members Update



New Car? Congratulations!

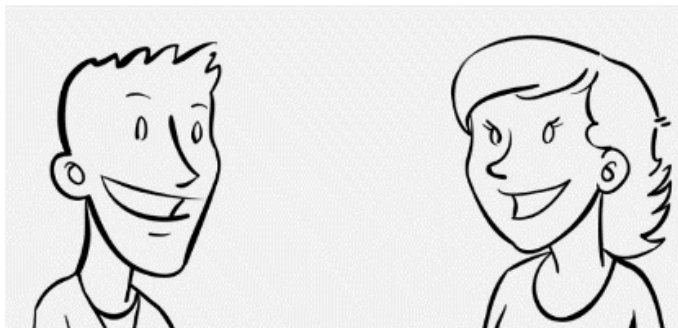
You'll need a complimentary official WYC PARKING STICKER



Call for Pictures

Protected password Members Only Photo Page

Send your Family or Individual head shot to Kathy Brown or Membership



Social Committee Update

Woohoo... Talk about going with the flow!

Flooding, gale force winds and loss of electricity could not keep WYC from Passing the Flags and celebrating our new Board of Governors. Reminiscent of Dan Dyer riding out the night at Cuttyhunk with a 50-foot guest across his bow in even higher winds – Yankee patience, ingenuity, and lots of coffee.

A huge thank you to Charlie Costa and Charlie Company, without whom yesterday's event could not have taken place. And we were so fortunate to have such a flexible, supportive team of elves show up Saturday evening to set-up and decorate as soon as the flooding was clear and the electricity back on...by 6:45 the room was nearly ready to welcome our new Commodore!



After all the COVID disruption, it was nice to return to the normal format mandated in our bylaws. It was a casual post-storm gathering to review the last year and look forward. It was so nice to meet many of the potential new members as well!

Folks seemed to like having the event on a Sunday afternoon, family style, and many lingered to see a spectacular sunset off our docks and watch the game! Thank you to the amazing kitchen help, servers, bartenders, and clean-up crew!!

Onto February... Saturday, February 10th, just in time for Valentine's day, we look forward to Sinatra night at the Club, with crooner music, dancing, martinis, and apps...more information to follow. Put on those dancing shoes...we'll see you on the dance floor!!

Stay warm!

Scot & Sue

Social Committee Update

Passing of the Flags Recap: Sunday, January 14



Passing the Flags: 2024 WYC Board
Left to Right
Charlie Costa: House Committee
Ben Rice : Treasurer

Jeri Levesque: Fleet Captain
David Lindquist: Vice Commodore
Rex Brewer: Commodore 2024
Ezra Smith: Past Commodore 2023



Ezra Smith: Past Commodore 2023



Some of the Passing the Flag Kitchen/ Planning/ Social Crew

Patty Kern, Bruce Mulford, Jill Mulford, Sue Smith, Paula Fahlman, Mimi Dyer, Scot Jones

Seminars & Swag Update

Save the Date! Master Gardeners Seminar

When: Thursday, February 29th - 6 - 8 PM

Where: Wickford Yacht Club

Registration forthcoming

Many thanks to Jay Hansen and Dave Lussier of Better Bay Alliance for the compelling and informative seminar on Wednesday evening January 17 at WYC. The house was full as we learned about what BBA is building and how we can work together to keep ourselves and others safe out on the water. Folks are encouraged to visit the web site to see the slides and learn more about Live Chart <https://betterbayalliance.org/>



Winnie

Body text

Swag Bag

You'll always know where you are if you buy our Chart Mugs. First two mugs in this series are Wickford Harbor and Newport Harbor. \$15 for the set of 2 mugs. Go to:

[WYC Nautical Map Mug Set - Newport and Wickford Harbor - We Make Gear](#)



Don't Be This Guy

Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

2/10 Sinatra at the Club

2/12 Board of Governors Mtg.

2/29 Master Gardeners Seminar at 6pm

Weekly Events

Monday: 13:00 hr. Mahjong

Thursday: 10:00 hr. Coffee Hour

Friday: 18:00 hr. Happy Hour wine down



WYC Board of Governors

Commodore	Rex Brewer
Vice Commodore	David Lindquist
Rear Commodore	Suzanne Thoms
Fleet Captain	Jeri Levesque
Member-at-Large	Agu Suvari
Secretary	Rich O'Brien
Treasurer	Ben Rice
House Chair	Charlie Costa
Past Commodore	Ezra Smith

WYC Committee Chairs

Awards	Anne Cunic
Social	Sue Smith and Scot Jones
Club Rental	Agu Suvari
Communications	Rich O'Brien
Sunshine	Pinkie Sweet-Holland
OTW Editor	Erin Spear
Website	Kyle Wilson
Yearbook	Kathy Brown
Finance	David Lindquist
Frostbiting	Chuck Allen
Membership	Karen Pizzaruso
NBYA Rep.	Doug Nannig
Nominating	Ezra Smith
Race	Suzanne Thoms
Regatta Activities	Skip Whyte
WSA Grants	Paul Nannig
Seminars	Winnie Hagen
WSA	Skip Whyte

Wickford Yacht Club
165 Pleasant Street
Wickford, RI 02852
(401) 294-9010
wickfordyc.com

